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The holiday wreath

by Belinda Gallagher, Hooked on Horticulture Consulting

Mom's pinecone wreath

Each Christmas, I hang a ring of pinecones that were wired together by my mother about 50 years ago. She and I had gathered the cones from our wooded rural property in Northern Massachusetts and I always think of that special day as I lift the brittle wreath from its storage box. This year there were a few missing cones so, while making the repairs, I mused about the history of wreaths, specifically the one in my hand and more generally the idea behind these seasonal ornaments.

Early fourth century Persian rulers began wearing head garlands and oriental-style diadems (a decorated ribbon tied around the head) to demonstrate status and royal power. In Ancient Greece, rulers wore gold wreaths during religious ceremonies, and several of the Greek gods were depicted with similar garlands including the sun god, Apollo, whose laurel wreath represented his love for Daphne.

Olive and laurel wreaths were worn at weddings as a symbol of joy, and also used as a sign of victory given to military heroes and athletes in ancient times. We were reminded of this use when, at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, winning athletes were presented with an olive branch wreath. In those early competitions, horseshoe-shaped greenery was the prize for winning first place – that and the pride and virtue associated with the win.

While the Advent wreath has beginnings in the Christian tradition, mid-winter pagan rituals included an evergreen wreath with the four elements of earth, fire, wind and water represented by candles. The circular shape in both traditions re-enforced the concept of the eternal nature of a god's love and the circle of life.

The history of the purely decorative nature of the wreath is up for debate. Some believe it comes from Classical Greco-Romans displaying victory wreaths while others think the decorative tradition comes from the historical use of the wreath as a street "address," of sorts. Before numbering and naming of houses, early Europeans would hang wreaths of locally grown flowers and greens on the front door to to identify their property and the family.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word wreath is derived from the Old English word "writha," to twist or roll. Most of the wreaths we see displayed nowadays have some type of twisting or coiling but there are exceptions. Different shapes – squares, hearts, and letters of the alphabet – replace the circles and the coiled/twisted vines and greenery are changed to unusual items. I have seen wreaths made of the little drink umbrellas, toy soldiers, candy canes and dog biscuits. Have a look at the Internet if you don't believe me.

Several of our local outlets offer wreaths, and I found a beautiful evergreen sample at Country Rose in Haliburton. For our house this year, I made a wreath of twigs and seedpods and will also hang a square form created years ago when I was crazy about graphic shapes. But the special spot in the house will be reserved for that circle of pinecones that Mom made.

From grapevines to cedar, seashells to sleigh bells, traditional to modern, the holiday wreath is a time-honoured symbol of welcome and I hope you find a nice one for your front door.

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What does aging feel like?

Andria Cowan Molyneaux Design Corner

As a professional designer, I have always been intrigued by the aging process, and its effect on residential design. My earliest experience of this came when I was asked to design a master bathroom for a middle-aged client who suffered from mobility issues caused by a fused hip. The client was emphatic about not having a "disabled" washroom, and I was determined to give her what she wanted, even if it meant going back to school.

As I studied to become a certified aging in place specialist, I found myself asking the question, "what would aging feel like, and how could I learn from this to better serve my clients' needs?" To answer these questions I needed to do go beyond the classroom, and to step into a futuristic-looking suit that would help me to feel the impact of old age while doing mundane tasks around the house. To do so, I visited Blum Canada to find out more about their age simulator suit called Age Explorer.

Developed in Germany by doctors, geriatric researchers, and the Meyer-Hentschel Institute, the Age Explorer suit helps the research and development team at Blum Canada to simulate the physical limitations caused by the aging process, and to create products that are forward thinking. With that being said, little did I know that by putting the suit on that I would age over 20 years in just two hours; a frightening thought!

During my visit to Blum Canada, my instructor Lucy Traetto, a specialist in certified aging in place and dynamic space, briefed me on the key features of the suit that would age me so quickly. For example, the suit is topstitched to make it difficult to move the arms upward. Bindings are added to limit the motion of the elbow and knee joints. Weights are attached directly to the arm and leg muscles to simulate decreased muscle strength. Headphones are added to mimic hearing loss, glasses to simulate failing eyesight, and a yellow Plexiglas visor to limit the field of vision and simulate glaucoma.

"Enough" I hear you say! Sadly there was one more trick up Lucy's sleeve. With an unnerving smile she brought out the final torture item from the Age Explorer tool kit, special gloves lined with Velcro that imitates arthritis and makes it painful to grasp and open objects. With my mind racing, Lucy then helped me to put on the suit, and guided me gingerly to their kitchen showroom. My journey to age 20 years had begun, providing me with an unforgettable experience that would shape my commitment to create spaces respectful of my client's wish to age in place.

With a clipboard in hand, Lucy directed me to perform three basic tasks, which would be considered easy for an able bodied person. First, she asked me to open a plastic water bottle. Then she asked me to remove some change from a wallet and to tell her how much money I had in my hand. Lucy then asked me to bend down and remove a pot in the cupboard and place it on the stove. Finally, she asked me to reach a glass on the shelf. Seems easy, doesn't it? Not so much!

With the headphones on I struggled to hear Lucy's basic instructions. I found myself turning to look directly at her face, while craning my ears to try and be clear on her instructions. Once I was sure of my task, it was painstaking. It hurt to turn and open the bottle lid. It took me minutes to remove the change and count it. I almost fell over trying to locate and remove the pot in the kitchen's lower cabinet shelf, and I could not reach beyond the first upper shelf to grab the glass. I felt utterly demoralized with my inability to perform such basic tasks.

Experiencing Blum Canada's Age Explorer suit made me proud to be a certified aging in place specialist, and provided me with the vital "aging" context that I would not have had for another 20 to 30 years. Thank you Lucy and Blum Canada for opening my eyes, and for helping me to understand the importance of designing aesthetically pleasing, physically inspired, barrier-free living environments so that my clients can grow old gracefully in their homes.

Andria Cowan Molyneaux is an accredited interior decorator, designer and certified aging in place specialist (CAPS), and has been accredited by the Canadian Decorators' Association (CDECA), and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Upholding a strict code of ethics, Andria is uniquely familiar with the strategies and techniques for designing and building aesthetically pleasing, barrier-free living environments.

For those with arthritis, vision impairment and other symptoms, seemingly simple tasks such as grabbing a glass from a shelf can be difficult.

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Global warming will require a global solution

By Keith McNeill

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should call for a worldwide referendum on a global carbon fee-and-dividend at the COP21 climate change conference in Paris.

The conference started on Nov. 30 and will last until Dec. 11.

The general consensus is that, while it will make some progress, it won't make the breakthrough we need.

A worldwide referendum on carbon fee-and-dividend would be that breakthrough.

James Hansen, the man who many consider the dean of climate scientists, has called for carbon fee-and-dividend many years and with some success.

Carbon fee-and-dividend is elegantly simple – charge a fee on fossil fuels at source, similar to a carbon tax. Unlike a typical carbon tax, however, the money would not go into general government revenue but be distributed in equal dividends to everyone.

For those on the right, it's a small government solution. Most governments already collect some kind of tax or royalty from fossil fuel production, and so little additional bureaucracy would be needed to collect the fee. Similarly, people would only need to prove that they are human beings and of a certain age to collect their dividends, meaning minimal bureaucracy on the distribution side as well.

For those on the left, carbon fee-and-dividend would tend to re-distribute income, helping to correct the world's growing economic inequality. According to Citizens' Climate Lobby – Canada, two-thirds of people would receive more in dividends than they would spend in fossil fuel fees. The bottom 20 per cent of earners could expect to receive 150 per cent more than they would pay.

Many economists agree that carbon fee-and-dividend would be our most powerful tool in dealing with climate change. In fact, it is hard to imagine a successful approach that does not include carbon fee-and-dividend as its central pillar.

Here are some ballpark figures.

According to Wikipedia, the world produces about 30 billion tonnes per year of carbon dioxide through the burning of fossil fuels. A fossil fuel fee set at the same level of B.C.'s carbon tax of $30 per tonne of carbon dioxide would therefore raise about $900 billion per year. Assuming that the dividends would only go to adults, and that five billion of the seven billion people in the world are over the age of 18, then that would mean every adult human being on the planet would get a dividend of about $180 per year.

Carbon fee-and-dividend might be our most powerful tool, but to have a hope of being effective it would need to be global.

National programs, even if they involve major emitters such as the United States or China, are simply not going to cut it.

Put a fee on fossil fuel use in one jurisdiction and certain industries will move to another. If the fee rises high enough, there would be the danger of creating a black market for untaxed oil and coal. Both outcomes could be minimized by global carbon fee-and-dividend.

Going global implies going through the United Nations. Implementing global carbon fee-and-dividend would justify and require reforming that organization. A good place to start might be by creating a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly.

Here in Canada, as in many other nations around the world, we sometimes put important questions to the people in a referendum. One example would be the referendum on transit held last spring in B.C.'s Lower Mainland.

Organizing a worldwide referendum on carbon fee-and-dividend would be a difficult but not impossible task. The United Nations has organized successful votes in war-ravaged locations such as Kampuchea and East Timor.

Human-caused climate change is a global problem and requires global solutions. A worldwide referendum on global carbon fee-and-dividend would be a good next step, and Canada should lead the way.

– Author Keith McNeill is the editor of the award-winning Clearwater Times newspaper. Last spring, McNeill, age 65, and his friend, Jean Nelson, age 81, cycled from Toronto to Ottawa to promote an online petition calling for a Canada-wide referendum on carbon fee-and-dividend.

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Trees calligraphic against rice paper sky. I stand on the path, a scribble amongst the trees, November chafing me.
This morning heavy and grey as the wool sweater I wear so I am not exposed like the trees, their anorectic limbs quivering as Wind slashes their trunks,
bashing their branches against one another, as I pause on the path, deciding which way to go, pulling my sleeves past my fingertips,
wrapping my arms around myself, since no else is here, only the trees and wind and sky and me. Tears sprouting in my eyes as Wind lashes me, greyness compressing me.
Sky above, earth below, as I stand in a puddle of rotting leaves,
crumpled and curling into themselves like me. In front of me, between the spindly trucks of trees, a flash of something bark-coloured, only it's not a tree. I wrap my arms tighter around myself, as wind shrieks in the trees, scatters the leaves pooling around my feet. What is that? I mutter aloud to the Air, only wind shreds my question before I receive a response. I stare at the moving trunk of a tree that isn't a tree, that's staring back at me. Earth-coloured eyes not blinking, the deer not flinching, as I step closer to drink in the November miracle,
this creature whose tawny summer fur has faded to the grey bark of a tree, to camouflage it from stranger like me, though I carry no weapon in my knapsack, only a book and food. We stand frozen as two statues, this stone-coloured deer and me,
tree branches bending and swaying around us, the helpless prey of wind. I reach back into my knapsack pocket for an apple to offer the deer, but the sound of rustling makes it bolt into the forest. Come back, I mumble to the Air, but Wind scatters my plea,
as I watch his smear of grey fade farther into the woods, and I remain standing on the path, a scribble amongst the trees, that rise calligraphic against inky Sky, Wind ripping through my sweater,
whose sleeves droop past my fingertips, my hand still reaching out with the apple
towards the blur of forest.

Sylvie Kalenda

Land Trust wins achievement award

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust was recently awarded the Land Trust Achievement Award at the Ontario Land Trust Alliance's annual gathering in October. This award recognizes land trusts for outstanding achievements in fulfilling their mission from a conservation or a community outreach perspective. It focuses on achievements that have directly advanced the conservation of habitat and species on-the-ground.

April Weppler presented the award on behalf of OLTA. "They have continued to go above and beyond in their work - they not only acquire land to protect the Haliburton natural landscape, but also encourage broad community engagement and understanding. This year's award recognizes their excellent work in developing the Turtle Road Mortality Mitigation Project, an excellent demonstration of their commitment to community engagement and stewardship," said Weppler.

The contribution of community volunteers to this project cannot be understated. More than 180 volunteers have dedicated more than 4,500 hours of their time to the study, an extraordinary show of support to the goals of this project.

The Turtle Road Mortality Mitigation study is heading into its third and final year in 2016. The project is funded through a grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Wild About Nature Gala

This year's Land Trust Gala raised well over $9,000 after expenses, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated organizing committee, the donations of many local artists and businesses, and the support of our members and community. Thank you to all of those who contribute to making this event such a successful one each year.

New Land Trust Library Collection

The Haliburton County Public Library will soon be offering a new collection of books in its catalog: The Land Trust Collection. This will be a collection of books – many suggested by Land Trust members and supporters – that encourage the themes of conservation, environmentalism, and love for our natural world. There will be non-fiction materials as well as works of fiction, and we're working on developing a selection of kids' books, too!

Bessie Sullivan, county librarian, describes the partnership like this: "Libraries by their very nature are designed to organize information including both the know-how and the latest in cataloguing technology. However, library staff cannot be expected to be experts in every field of study. This is where collaboration comes in; we can organize, house and provide access to relevant information, and the Land Trust can recommend materials and help purchase them. The end result is a physical collection that supports both institutions' mandates and is created with the best possible input."

If you would like to make a suggestion for a book that you think should be included in this collection, go to www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/resources/land-trust-library-partnership and fill out the form. You may also offer to sponsor a book, or the entire collection, by making a donation.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Hikers rewarded

Hike Haliburton Festival's project co-ordinator Barrie Martin, left back, and Take a Hike, Eh! project co-ordinator Shannon Blanchard awarded the Take a Hike, Eh! challenge winning family, the Humphries: front row from left, Violet, Joleen Thomas, Tristan, and Olivia with the certificate of achievement and a backpack prize filled with naturalist guides, binoculars, compass and first aid kit (donated by Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services). The family won the challenge by hiking 47 kilometres over a few weeks. Funding to engage youth in this year's festival, which included the Eh! challenge, came from a grant given by Mountain Equipment Co-operative to the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning for its youth engagement in the Hike Haliburton Festival. Absent for the photo was Stuart Humphries./DARREN LUM Staff

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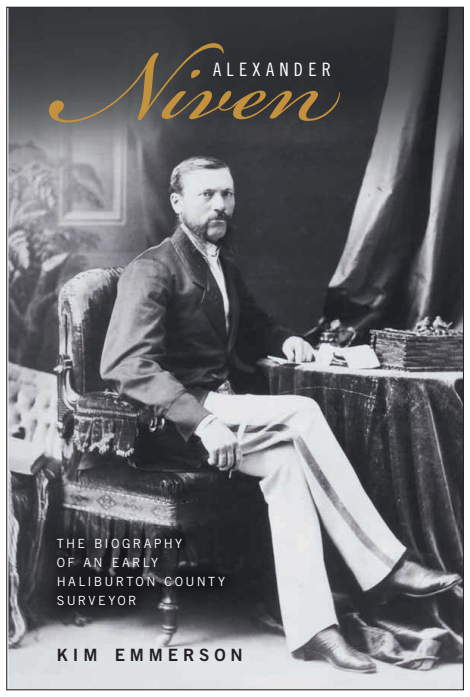

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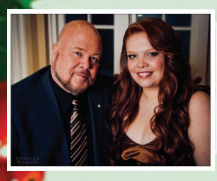

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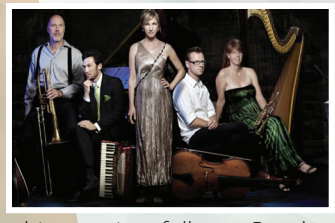

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Written by CBC Radio Two host, symphony orchestra consultant, author and musician Tom Allen, The Judgment of Paris combines cabaret, history and storytelling with timeless music by Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel, as well as original songs by the performers. Set during the rise of the First World War, you're invited to follow along as musical revolutionary Debussy and his one-time follower Ravel compete for the love of their proud, fickle, darling Paris. The Judgment of Paris is new and old, heroic and tragic, historical and fictional. ***Performances July 24 (2:30 matinee), July 25-26.***

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

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CANDLES
CELEBRATION
CHANUKAH
CHEER
CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS
COCKTAILS
COOKING
DANCING
DECEMBER
DECORATIONS
DESSERT
FAMILY
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FRIENDS
GATHERING
GIFT
GUESTS
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JANUARY
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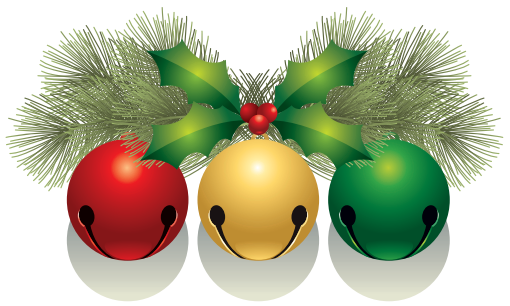

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to Christmas.

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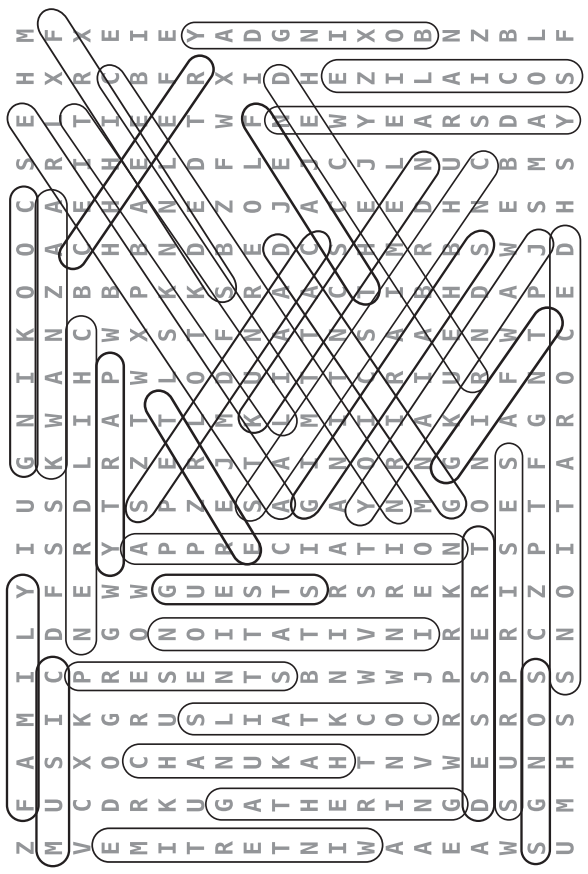
Answer: Festive



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Get your outdoor holiday lights up safely with these tips from Hydro One:

- Always use Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved lights, cords, plugs and sockets and are properly marked for outdoor or indoor use.
- Do not overload circuits. Have no more than 1,400 watts on a circuit. If other lights in the house dim when the holiday lighting is turned on or the plug is very hot after unplugging it, your circuit is overloaded. To figure out a circuit's load, multiply the number of bulbs by the watts per bulb, and add any lamps, appliances or other equipment on the same circuit.
- Before you put light strings on a shrub, tree or your house, check for breaks or signs of insulation deterioration. Frayed cords or loose connections indicate that the wiring is poor. Replace any defective sets.
- Never install lights with the power on. Test lights first, then unplug to install.
- Keep electrical connections off the ground. Use eave clips or insulated staples, rather than nails and tacks, to hold light strings in place.
- Keep wiring clear of metal parts such as ornamental railings and drainpipes, to prevent any risk of shock from an electrical current. Do not leave any light sockets empty if you want sections in your light string unlit. This can create a fire hazard or could be fatal if someone touches the inside of the empty socket. Instead place a burned-out bulb in the socket. This will not affect the other lights on the string.

Looking to save energy this holiday season? Make the switch to Light Emitting Diode (LED) holiday lights and enjoy significant energy and cost savings this winter. According to Natural Resources Canada, LEDs use 80 per cent less energy than their incandescent counterparts, so now is the time to upgrade your old incandescent strings.

If you're still not sure, consider this: incandescent bulbs waste a lot of energy – 90 per cent of the energy they consume is used to heat the bulb, while only 10 per cent is used for lighting. LEDs, by contrast, directly convert electricity to light without the use of a filament or glass bulb, resulting in less energy loss through heat.

LED light strings also last up to ten times longer than incandescent light strings. And because they don't have moving parts, filaments or glass, they're much more durable and shock-resistant than other light strings.

For additional tips on how to save energy or to download valuable coupons for energy saving products visit www.HydroOne.com/SaveEnergy.

Exploring the colours of Christmas

Decorations adorning homes and businesses in the familiar colours of red and green are popular come the holiday season. Even gift wrap, greeting cards and clothing tend to lean toward red and green as the holiday season hits full swing. It is difficult to think of Christmas without envisioning everything awash in these popular colours, broken up only by the inclusion of gold, white or silver accents.

The colours of Christmas are often taken for granted, and many celebrants are unaware of how these colours became symbols of the holiday season and why they remain so to this day.

Several theories exist as to why red and green became the hallmarks of Christmas. One such theory is that the colours evolved from pagan celebrations similar to the evolution of Christmas traditions. Prior to the arrival of Christianity, many cultures viewed the colour green as the symbol of life. It is believed that, during harsh winters, evergreen trees were cut down and brought indoors to symbolize that life still exists and thrives despite the cold and darkness of winter. Other pagan holidays featured the use of green, red and gold, including the festival of Yule.

As Christianity spread across Europe and eventually other parts of the world, red and green were linked to Jesus Christ. Green still represented life, but now this was the eternal life offered by Christ. Red was said to symbolize sacrifice, namely the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross. Some Christians believe that Jesus wore a crown of holly thorns whose berries were originally white. As Jesus' blood touched the berries, they turned red.

Some theorize that the red of the holiday season represents the apples on the tree of paradise in the Garden of Eden. Around the 14th century, the faithful would put on Paradise Plays on Dec. 24 to share the story of creation with those who could not read. It is nearly impossible to find a fruit-bearing apple tree in the winter, so a pine tree adorned with red apples was used instead. Bishops also wore red robes, further tying the colour red to religious masses and celebrations.

Gold is frequently used in holiday decorations as well. Gold can represent the sun and light, both important ways to ward off the dark winter. In addition, gold was one of the gifts brought to baby Jesus, making it a colour of significance within the Christian faith.

Red and green poinsettias also are a symbol of the holiday season, but they didn't start the colourful tradition. Poinsettias are a relatively recent addition to Christmas symbolism, as they were only first introduced to America in 1828, when they were brought back from Mexico by Joel Poinsett.

The holiday season is filled with many different colours that brighten up homes and businesses. Combined with the many twinkling lights used on displays, red and green decorations can add vitality to the dark days of December.

Wow guests this holiday

The holiday season is a season of hosting friends and family. This holiday season, wow your loved ones with a helping of "Green Beans Sauteed with Wild Mushrooms" courtesy of Peggy Knickerbocker's "Simple Soirees" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang).

Green Beans Sauteed with Wild Mushrooms

Serves 6

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 pound chanterelles or other wild mushrooms, cleaned and cut into bite-sized pieces
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
11/2 pounds haricots verts or green beans, trimmed

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Meanwhile, heat the butter and the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute, or until it becomes translucent. Add the mushrooms, cooking them until they give off their juices and then reabsorb them, 5 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Keep the mushrooms warm on the stovetop.

Add the beans to the boiling water and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, or until slightly tender (haricots verts will take less time than green beans). Drain.

Transfer about half of the mushrooms to a small dish and keep warm. Add the beans to the mushrooms in the skillet and stir to combine. Mound the beans and the mushrooms gently on a serving platter and top with the reserved mushrooms. Season again with salt and pepper.

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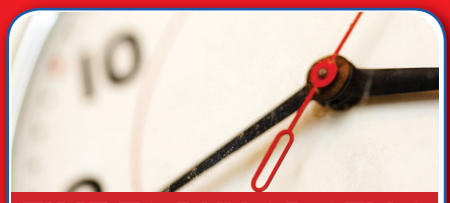

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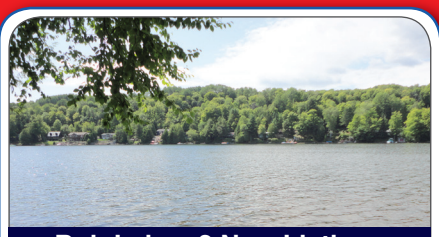

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Dated Events

Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
When: Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.
Where: Kinmount Railway Station
What: Celebrating Lights Across Canada with Bonfire, Refreshments, Carol Singing, Free Photos With Santa Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

Christmas In The Village
When: Saturday, December 5th, 2015
Where: Kinmount Village
What: Kinmount Farmer's Market Christmas Open House 9-2 in Kinmount Community Centre, Free Christmas Crafts for Kids-Upper Level Kinmount Community Centre, Kinney Elf Hunt-Free Kids Surprises in various locations in the town, Santa Claus at Royal Canadian Legion at 2:00 P.M. meet Santa, Free Family Lunch-Gifts for Kids 10 and under. Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Contact: Diane Austin 705 488-2635

Christmas Music Night
When: Saturday, December 5th 7:00 P.M. Galway Hall
What: Everything Fitz-the Family Fitzgerald performing at the Galway Hall with Christmas Loonie Auction Items, Desserts and Coffee, Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Where: Galway Hall
Contact: Diane Austin 705 488-2635

The Second Annual Christmas Tradition for Angels of all Ages
When: Saturday Dec. 5/15, 5 pm and 7 pm
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Event: "Calling All Angels", A Nativity Pageant plus the Christmas Story Live
Dozens of Costumed Cast Members, Special Pageant Choir
Featured Guest Artists: Jane Siberry, Gord Kidd, Wendy Connelly and others
Admission: By Donation (Proceeds to further St Paul's Community Outreach Programs)
Reservations: A must. Call Church Office 705-286-2541
For Further Information contact Sinclair Russell 705-457-0282, sinclairrussell11@gmail.com

Jane Siberry Minden Concert
When: Sunday Dec. 6/15, 3:00 pm
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave. Minden
Admission: $19.00
Tea and goodies will be served after the show in the Parish Hall (by the St. Paul's ladies). You are invited to come and meet Jane. She will also sign any existing DC's that your bring. . .or you can buy one from a selection that will be available.
Call for Seating Reservations or Further Information Sinclair Russell 705-457-0282 or 705-286-3022
Emails preferable: sinclairrussell11@gmail.com

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 am to Noon.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course
When: Thursday, December 10, 9 am to 5 pm
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Annual "Fill-A-Cruiser" Event In Haliburton County
When: Saturday December 12th, 2015 between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm, members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Auxiliary Unit will be conducting the annual "fill a cruiser" event at the following locations:
Haliburton Locations
TODD'S INDEPENDENT GROCER from 10:00am-12:00pm
PARK'S FOODLAND from 1:00pm- 3:00pm
Minden Locations
DOLLO'S FOODLAND from 10:00am-12:00pm
EASTON'S VALU-MART from 1:00pm-3:00pm
Please come out to these locations and donate a food item to help us fill a cruiser and our local food banks. All food items stay in the communities where they are collected.

Recurring Events

Rexall Haliburton, Flu Shots Available
Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-6pm.
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Cancer Support Group,
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

NEW! WAY TO GROW! SIRCH Family Hub
When: Wednesday afternoons 2-4:30pm from November 11 to December 16
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton
Why: Meet other parents and gain valuable information to keep your family safe and strong
Who: Moms and dads with children under 6
Dec 9 - Learn to use a fire extinguisher and get a coupon!
Dec 16 – That's crazy talk! Normalizing mental health concerns / resources and support
All presentations will be held from 2:30-3:30pm.
There will be refreshments available for parents and their children.
There will not be childcare during these sessions. Parents are responsible for their own children.
(Wednesday November 25th will not be at the Centre but parents can meet at the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton at 128 Mallard Drive for a tour and shopping!)
Help with transportation may be available. Call Margee @ SIRCH for details 705-457-1742

Yoga at the Dorset Recreation Centre
When: Tuesdays November 3 to December 8 from 6:30 to 7:30pm
$30.00 for 6 weeks
Registration required - call the rec. centre 705-766-9968

The VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility.
When: Minden, Tuesday's at 11 at the Hyland Crest Auditorium, Haliburton, Thursdays at 1pm at EchoHills.
Please contact Judy Webb@ 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne @ 705-457-4551 for more information.

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

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When: Tuesdays from 12 to 1:00
Where: OPP conference room
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Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS WEAVING & SPINNING GUILD OPEN STUDIOS:
Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-7782 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi
Carnarvon: Zion United Church
Monday: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - noon
Friday: 10:00 am - noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Monday: 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Health Recovery: Monday 1:00 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10:00 am - noon
Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or Maria at 705-457-2200

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Ham & Scalloped Dinner 5:00-7:00pm
Jam Session 7:30PM
Saturday Meat Draw 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Early Bird 3pm sharp
Wild Life Dinner – 5:00-7:00pm $20.00 per person tickets available in advance
Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm Beginners Welcome!! Come out and learn
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm
Note: Last evening of Bid Euchre – December 14th – starts again January 4th
Last evening for Fun Darts - December 16th – starts again January 6th

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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Fun darts - 4:30 pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring versatile singer/guitarist Jeff Moulton Saturday **December 5th 4-7pm** in the Club Room. Enjoy pulled pork on a bun for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary $5 cover charge for non members. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705)457-2571. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

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Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time. Dec 16, special Christmas meat draws.
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Humour by Steve Galea

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This might not seem like a big problem, but it is starting to annoy me more than a little. And I don't think I'm the only one.

That's why I've come up with a list of 10 unlikely groups who probably wish that mild temperatures and rain would leave us alone till spring.

Here they are:

1. The National Association of Varying Hares: Every varying (snowshoe) hare I've seen in the last two weeks (that's two) is dressed in its winter coat, which is pure white from head to toe. This poses a problem when the rest of the world is draped in various shades of mud. I believe if this keeps up we will have a mass migration of hares to our local ice rinks, where they can finally hide from all those predators.
2. The International Featherhood of Snowy Owls: Same problem. How do you swoop down on another creature when you stand out like a sore thumb? This might even become our problem, if they follow the hares to our local arenas. Do we really want to see something even more violent than a hockey fight?
3. Anyone who bought a snow blower this year: It's mostly about the guilt. Several years ago, my buddy Tom purchased a brand new snow blower. So, naturally, it hardly snowed at all that winter – and when it did, by the time he'd dig out his new machine from the garage, the snow had already swept away by rain. Local ski hills blamed him for the poor conditions. Tom still feels bad about that. It's hardly fair.
4. The Polar Bear Union of Northern Ontario, Local 302: If the rain keeps up, and mud becomes a way of life, those big bears will need to visit southern dry cleaners to clean their coats. Trust me, we don't want that.
5. Santa's Elves: One of the great things about snow and frigid weather is that it makes cleaning up the reindeer stables that much easier. And that makes for happy elves. Christmas is coming. We want happy elves.
6. Abominable Snowmen: See polar bears.
7. Anyone who owns a dog: See Santa's Elves.
8. All those organized people who put away their umbrellas till spring. You know who you are.
9. Snowmen: Life is already too short for them.
10. Those people who finally mastered making their first igloo: Imagine, trying to do this for years and finally figuring it out after a hard day of effort. You'd be a bit upset too if it turned into a lake the very next day, before the photo session.

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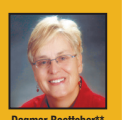
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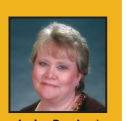
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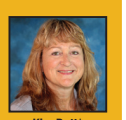
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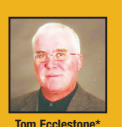
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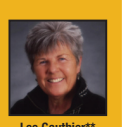
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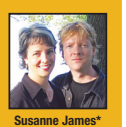
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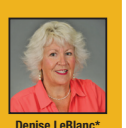
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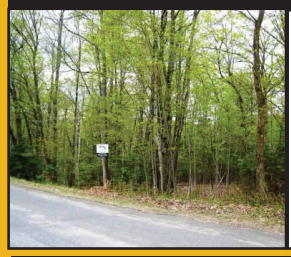

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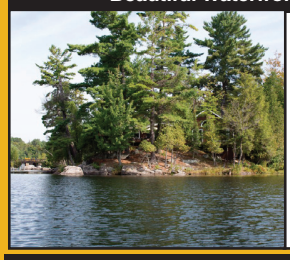

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Susanne James & Andy Mosher
457–2128 x 33

Gull River $259,900

- Year round 2 bdrm home or cottage
- Boat into Gull lake or Minden, good swimming
- 2 beautiful sun/screen rooms, central vac
- Level private lot, air tight woodstove

Denise LeBlanc 286–2138 x 23

8 Acres $39,900

- Township road
- Driveway in
- New small cabin on property
- Private & quiet

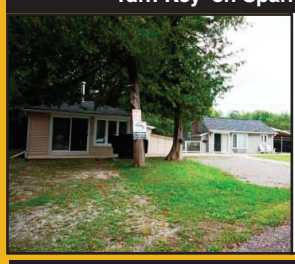
David Lee 286–2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home $229,900

- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam`s Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jaccuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457–2128 x 34

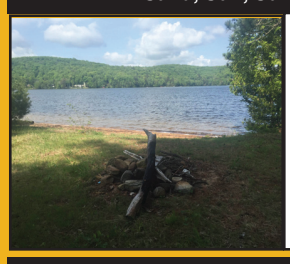
'Turn Key' on Sparrow Lake $567,900



- 3 Winterized cottages on Sparrow Lake in Gravenhurst
- Great investment or family com–pound property
- Everything has been updated beautifully
- Includes beautiful dock with lake–side patio and fantastic swimming

Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27

Sand, Sun, Sunsets $339,900



- 1.89 acres with 140 feet of sand shoreline on Grace Lake plus 2 lake chain boating
- Private location with clean water swimming, Lake Trout fishing & Sun all day
- Perfect sand castle building site, hydro at lot line and snowmobile trails nearby!

Karen Nimigon 457–2128 x 29

Southern Exposure on Mountain Lake $799,000

- Lots of room for the family with 4 bdrms & 2 full bath
- Open concept main living area & a fan–tastic view of the lake
- 3 season screened room is next to the DR plus large LR w/woodstove insert
- WO bsmt with massive fam rm, Plus att dbl car garage (insulated and heated)

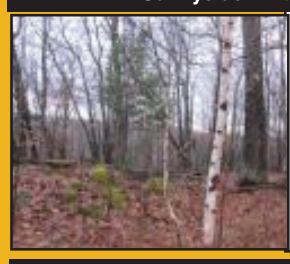
Greg Stamp 457–2128 x 28

Welcome Home $173,000

- Marvelous starter or retirement home
- Walk to all amenities of Haliburton Village
- All living on one floor, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
- Detached single car garage

Kim Stamp 457–2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot $68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi–exposure 1.5 acre resi–dential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well–maintained Township road – a "Must–Buy!"

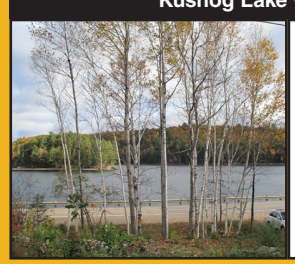
Elizabeth Thompson 457–2128 x 52

Maple Lake $219,000

- Charming 3 Bedroom Cottage
- Sunny Southern, Sandy Shoreline
- Over ½ Acre Lot
- Comes Furnished and Ready to Enjoy
- Boating and Exploring on a 3 Lake Chain

Melanie Vigrass 286–2138 x 32

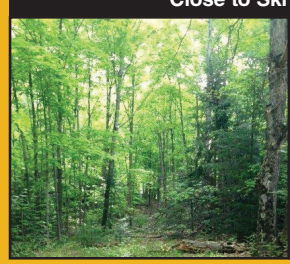
Kushog Lake View $75,000



- Year round access between Minden and Dorset
- Easy access to snowmobile trails
- Gorgeous view across Kushog Lake
- Driveway in and partially cleared, ready to build!

Tom Wilkinson 286–2138 x 25

Close to Ski Hill $34,500



- Building lot in Eagle Lake Area
- 1.37 acres with frontage on 2 municipal roads
- Easy access with services at lot line
- Public beach, shopping & restau–rants nearby

Andrea Wilson 457–2128 x 25

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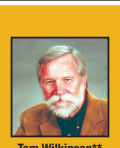
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HEAD LAKE, MUSEUM ROAD $499,997

Prime Location in quiet area of lovely homes. Private treed lot, million $ view in all seasons. Spacious family home with 3BR up & one down.Screened porch, attached garage, recroom, Convenient to village. Walk to town.

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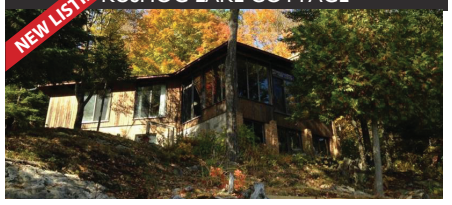
NEW LISTING KUSHOG LAKE COTTAGE



Unique open concept with 3BR. Gentle terraced lot with gorgeous rock shelf/sand beach shoreline. Spacious & light. Bunkie. Garage. Lower level to finish to your taste. Must be seen..

$389,500

DRAG LAKE ACREAGE $378,000

60 acres with 554 ft of beautiful shoreline. Mature hardwood bush w/walking trails to lookout. Gorgeous sunsets N/W. Private. Site cleared for building with awesome view.

$378,000

MISKWABI LAKE

Spacious family cottage. Finished lower level w/3pc, recroom, walkout, spare rooms. Treed privacy, big lake view. Garage. Awesome 2 lake chain.

$357,000

PERCY LAKE

Cozy 2BR yr rnd cottage. Sunny deck, south exposure & gorgeous views. Bunkie. Well treed & private.

$328,000

LOON LAKE

Level lot, sun all day. Sand shoreline. Spacious 4 season 3BR, 4pc cottage. Spacious. Screen porch. Close to Haliburton.

$269,900

ISLAND COTTAGING - REDSTONE LAKE

2BR with so much warmth & character. Very well maintained, large deck, upgrades, fantastic shoreline & super island community.

$247,500

PINE AVE - HALIBURTON

Newly renovated, great neighbourhood. Nice curb appeal. 3 bedrm, large screen porch. All on one level, landscaped, private back yard.

$214,900

WILBERFORCE, BURLEIGH RD.

Neat & tidy 2BR home in forested country location. Close to lakes & village. Level lot, gardens, huge 40x70 garage, great for a contractor.

$187,000

NEW PRICE STEPS TO MAPLE LAKE

Affordable opportunity for a rental property. 2 cottages on level lot near sand beach. 1 cott is winterized. Use one, rent one. Drilled well, septic. Great value.

$154,000

Building Lots

Industrial Park Rd, 1.1 Ac, 2400 sf frame bldg	**$109,000**
Glebe Road Lot, 2 Acres	**$59,500**
Angel Road Ski Area Lot	**$32,500**
Little Hawk Lake Road,1Acre Lot	**$24,500**
Fred Jones Rd, village edge lot	**$14,500**
Trapper's Trail Lot 101' frontage	**$6,900**
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CRUISER LAKE

4 season Timberframe w/3 finished levels. Dbl det garage w/upper level. Luxury & comfort on peaceful Cruiser Lake near Kennisis. Must be seen.

$899,000

REDSTONE LAKE

Spacious open concept cottage or home. Unique man-made coral fireplace. High quality custom kitchen. Cozy lower level family room with walkout. Dbl det garage. Big lake view.

$797,000

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

Spacious turn-key 4 season property. Peaceful & private, 216 ft frontage. S/W exposure. Over 3000sf finished, double garage, quality finishings & features. Must see!

$599,900